



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I would like to invite you to join Deborah Tomlinson and myself on a Roman pilgrimage in the footsteps of venerable women of the Faith, who call us to enter with them into the Kingdom of Heaven. From the earliest days of the church, men and women have harkened to the call of holiness exemplified, by countless women saints through history, and, of course, by the Mother of Christ herself.

More than a tour, it will be a true pilgrimage – a journey both physical and spiritual – that we will travel through Rome and Assisi, where we will drink of the legacy and lives of many women who were faithful witnesses of the Faith through their lives, leadership, witness and even death. In Rome, we will visit the shrines of Sts. Praxedes and Pudentiana, early Roman believers, sisters and daughters of St. Pudens, baptized by St. Paul, and women who offered shelter to St. Peter! We will participate in a Papal audience and then go to Our Lady of Revelations where the Holy Mother Mary appeared. We will also visit the Vatican museums and the Catacombs of St. Priscilla, with its Marian depictions and mural of an early Christian woman.

We will go to Assisi, to the chapels of St. Clare and of St. Francis, and continue our pilgrimage with special Masses, time for prayer and contemplation, returning to Rome to visit holy sites associated with St. Barbara, St. Mary Magdalene, St. Bridget, the Blessed Virgin, St. Monica, and more!



Jeff and Barbara Heil on pilgrimage in Italy.

Plus, we will see original Caravaggio paintings during our journey, as well as tour a nearby winery and enjoy an Italian cooking class for good measure! Please read the Information and Registration Packet for the complete schedule and make plans to join us for this unique pilgrimage in the footsteps of women saints through the centuries.

– *Barbara Heil*

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Inside the Vatican Pilgrimages

Women Saints Through the Centuries

October 12–20, 2020

Rome, Assisi, Castel di Leva, Castel Gandolfo and Vatican City



Women Saints Through the Centuries

During this pilgrimage, we will have a chance to visit the memorials and tombs of many of the great women saints of our Catholic tradition. These will begin with the Virgin Mary herself, and all of the many churches in Rome dedicated to her, and then range from the Roman women of the first centuries, many of them martyrs, down to St. Clare, the friend of St. Francis of Assisi, to St. Bridget of Sweden and St. Catherine of Siena, and on down to a saint of modern times, St. Mary Elizabeth Hesselblad. Our focus will be on understanding the lives and spirituality of these women of God, so we may deepen our understanding of our own dignity as Christian men and women, and appreciation for the “feminine genius,” to quote Pope John Paul II, of women of faith in the twenty-first century.

Monday, October 12 – Arrive in Rome

Welcome to Italy! You arrive at Fiumicino airport, about 10 miles outside of **Rome** to the west, near the Mediterranean Sea. You may have seen the sea as your plane circled to land. You will be met at the airport immediately as you exit the secured area. Depending on your arrival time, there may be time for your first *café* and *cornetto*. Your group transfer will take you to the majestic **Villa Serenella**, our Roman home for the next eight nights.

Villa Serenella (*photo, left*) is a stately, typical Roman villa-turned-monastery surrounded by 13 acres of olive groves, pine trees, walking paths, a soccer field and fountains. Just five miles from the Vatican, the Villa is owned by the Antonine order of Maronite monks. Yes, we will be staying with monks from Lebanon!





Once you settle in, there will be time for lunch and you will be introduced to Barbara Heil and Deborah Tomlinson, who will be with you the entire pilgrimage. We will then proceed to **St. Peter's Square** (*photo, right*), where you will be introduced to **Dr. Robert Moynihan** (*photo, left*), one of the world's leading Vatican analysts and founder and editor of *Inside the Vatican* magazine. Dr. Moynihan will lead us on a "familiarization" walk through St. Peter's Square in front of



St. Peter's Basilica, which was built above the tomb of **St. Peter**, the first Pope and the apostle to whom Christ entrusted "the keys of the kingdom."

After our walk, we will stroll two short blocks to the **Basilica of Santo Spirito** the sanctuary of Divine Mercy (*photo, left*), in Rome established by **St. John Paul II** on January 1, 1994. Since the beatification of **St. Faustina Kowalska** in 1993, the church has been served by the sisters from the **Congregation of Our Lady of Mercy**,



St. Faustina Kowalska's order. Our welcome Mass and confessions will be at this basilica, Santo Spirito.

Afterwards there will be an opportunity to visit the shops in the area to purchase items to be blessed during the Papal Audience.

We will return to the monastery (*photo, right, of dining room*) for a welcome dinner with Dr. Moynihan. Overnight at Villa Serenella. **[Lunch, Dinner]**



Tuesday, October 13 – Our Lady and the Early Women Saints of the Church

After breakfast at the monastery, we will depart to visit the two patriarchal basilicas in Rome: St. Mary Major and St. John Lateran. Both of these churches are a glorious monument to the Faith and contain treasures of art and faith that can take one's breath away.



In **St. Mary Major**, for example, there is a painting of Mary, which is believed to have been painted by **St. Luke**, making it the oldest painting of Mary in the world.

It is called the *Salus Populi Romani* (English: the *Protectress of the Roman People*, *photo, left*). *Protectress* is a translation of the Latin "*salus*," which means "salvation" or "health." It has historically been the most important Marian icon in Rome and was crowned by Pope Pius XII in 1954. Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI venerated the *Salus Populi Romani* on different occasions and asked Mary on each occasion to "pray for us."

One of Pope Francis's first acts after his election was to pray before the *Salus Populi Romani*. In May of 2013, the month dedicated to Our Lady and the Holy Rosary, Pope Francis also prayed his first public Rosary (*photo, right*) before this ancient and venerable image. He has also visited it more than 50 times since then.





St. John Lateran (photo, left) is the oldest and ranks first among the four Papal basilicas of Rome, since it is the *cathedra* or “seat” of the Bishop of Rome. For centuries, the Popes lived here. The façade bears an inscription, beginning *Christo Salvatori* (“To Christ the Savior”) before adding “and to St. John the Baptist and St. John the Evangelist,” indicating the church’s dedication to Christ. As the cathedral of the Bishop of Rome, it ranks above all other churches, including St. Peter’s, and so, unlike all other Roman basilicas, it holds the title of *archbasilica*.

It is here that we will view the venerated image known as ***Our Lady of Confidence (photo, right)***. Devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary under the title “Our Lady of Confidence” can be traced back to **Sr. Chiara Isabella Fornari (1697-1744)**, who was a Poor Clare in Todi, Italy. It is believed that the image was given to her by the artist. Because of this special image, Sister Chiara Isabella and other sisters were drawn to a deep and intimate relationship with Our Lady, who showed her approval through unusual cures and conversions. A copy of the portrait was also hung in the St. Mary’s Seminary at the Lateran Basilica. While a student at the seminary, **Pope John XXIII** became a devotee of Our Lady of Confidence. He frequently visited the holy image and honored it still more by offering his first Mass in its presence. Afterward, he continued his visits to Our Lady of Confidence and offered Mass there, especially on the second Sunday in Lent, the Feast of our Lady of Confidence. **Pope John Paul II** started the papal tradition of venerating this miraculous image each year. **Pope Benedict XVI** carried on the tradition.



We will also visit the **Holy Stairs (photo, left below)**, located near the Basilica of St. John Lateran. These were the steps of Pontius Pilate that Jesus ascended in Jerusalem when He was condemned to die. These stairs were moved from Jerusalem to Rome by **St. Helena** in the 4th century. Also located near the Basilica of St. John Lateran is the Basilica of ***Santa Croce in Gerusalemme*** (English: *Holy Cross in Jerusalem*).

This basilica contains many relics of Jesus’ Passion, including a few thorns from His crown, His nails, and the sign Pilate nailed above Christ’s head. We will visit this church to venerate these sacred relics, if time permits.



We will also visit the churches of **St. Praxedes (Praxedes) (Photo, of 9th century mosaics, right)** and **St. Pudentiana**. These women saints were the daughters of St. Pudens, a Roman senator converted and baptized by St. Paul. It is said that St. Paul stayed in their home. St. Paul refers to Pudens in the second letter to Timothy, chapter 4, verses 19 – 22: *Final Greeting. Greet Prisca and Aquila and the family of Onesiphorus. Erastus remained in Corinth, while I left Trophimus sick at Miletus. Try to get here before winter. Eubulus, Pudens, Linus, Claudia, and all the brothers send greetings. The Lord be with your spirit. Grace be with all of you.*



The sisters built a baptistry in the *titulus* (title), a **titular church** that is assigned to a cardinal priest (of the second order of the College of Cardinals), founded by Pudens for the baptizing of those converting to Christianity. St. Pudentiana died young and after their brother also died, Praxedes inherited the family wealth and built the church that is named after her. She used the building to conceal many early Christians being persecuted by the Emperor. St. Praxedes was known to collect the bodies of the martyred Christians and bury them in the Catacombs of Priscilla, where she was also buried near her sister and father after she herself was martyred.



A few blocks away stands the lofty Victorian-gothic church of **San Alfonso**. There we will view and pray before **The Miraculous Icon of Our Mother of Perpetual Help (photo, left)** displayed above the altar in the sanctuary below a beautiful mosaic of the Holy Family. The earliest written account of this Icon is from 1499 when it hung in the church of St. Matthew in Rome. Considered lost after a complex journey over many years, it was finally discovered and brought to St. Alphonsus’ church in 1866 in a great procession throughout the Esquiline region of Rome. Multiple healings were reported by people that called out to the Icon as it passed their homes, resulting in crowds of people visiting the shrine and leaving their abandoned crutches and canes behind. We return to the monastery for dinner. Overnight at Villa Serenella. **[Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner]**

Wednesday, October 14 – St. Peter, St. Paul and Pope Francis

After breakfast in the monastery, we will depart again for **Vatican City** and the **Papal Audience**. During the audience, Pope Francis will share a brief teaching and reading in Italian, which will be translated into English, French, German, Spanish, Polish, Portuguese, and sometimes other languages, depending on the groups visiting. The

Pope will follow with a greeting to all gathered in **St. Peter's Piazza**.



At the end of the Audience, the Pope will lead us in the “Our Father” in Latin. This prayer will be printed on the back of the Papal Audience ticket. After the “Our Father,” Pope Francis will impart his Apostolic Blessing upon the crowd, which also extends to loved ones at home. He will bless any item that you may have purchased along our journey together. Afterwards we will have lunch near the Vatican.

After lunch we will drive to the **St. Paul's-Outside-the-Walls** area of Rome. The St. Paul's-Outside-the-Walls Basilica is dedicated to St. Paul, the Apostle to the Gentiles, who was beheaded in Rome, and contains the **Tomb of St. Paul**. This impressive church contains the images of all the Popes in little circular portraits.

We will also visit the **Church of the Three Fountains** (*photo of sign at entrance of path to the church, left*)



According to pious tradition, when St. Paul was executed by beheading, his head bounced three times before coming to rest. Later, three fountains sprang up on the three places where his head hit the ground. Visitors are greeted with a large marble plaque over the entrance that says, “Place of Martyrdom of Saint Paul the Apostle, where three sources miraculously gushed out.” Inside you can see a pillar where St. Paul was said to be bound before being martyred. The original church was built in the 5th century, but the one standing there today dates from the 16th century. (Water from the three springs was at one time distributed to pilgrims, but due to pollution, that practice has been stopped.)

Our next encounter will be at the site of the **Grotto of Our Lady of Revelations** (*photo, right*). It was here in 1947 that Our Lady appeared to the bitter anti-Catholic, Bruno Cornacchiola. During the apparition, Our Lady taught Bruno many truths about salvation, recognizing that we all have our moments of doubt and discouragement, and in those times, we should turn to her for help. Bruno experienced a reversion, returning to his Catholic faith and began a life of evangelization.



There have been at least two miracles of the sun, similar to the way the sun “danced” in the sky over Fatima, Portugal, in 1917, reported at the site on the 33rd and 35th anniversaries of the Virgin's visit to Bruno.



We will then make our way south of Rome to journey along the **Appian Way** (*photo, left*). First constructed in 312 B.C., the Appian Way was an ancient road that extended from Rome to the boot of Italy.

As time permits, we will visit important shrines and churches along the way, including **St. Sebastian's**, the patriarchal church St. Paul's Outside-the-Walls, and the famous **Domino Quo Vadis** church where Christ appeared to Peter and convinced him to return to Rome to preach and eventually face martyrdom. Dinner and overnight at Villa Serenella. [**Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner**]

Thursday, October 15 – Our Lady, Lunch overlooking Lake Albano and Wine Tasting



After breakfast in the monastery we head outside of the old city walls of Rome on the **Via Ardeatina** to the ruins of a thirteenth century castle known as the **Castel di Leva**. Here we will visit one of Mary's greatest shrines, *Madonna del Divino Amore* ("The Mother of Divine Love"). It is here that the image of the **Mother of Divine Love** (*photo, left*) has been venerated since the middle of the sixteenth century. Many attribute the preservation of the city of Rome during the Second World War to the veneration paid to the image of Mother of Divine Love.

Over the years many miracles and favors were granted at the shrine and its popularity grew. The people of Rome have not forgotten how Our Lady saved their city over fifty years ago. Every Saturday night from Easter to October the people gather at midnight at the Axum Obelisk and walk in procession along the **Via Appia Antica** and the Via Ardeatina, converging on the shrine, where Mass is celebrated at dawn and then continually till noon, in an open field to accommodate the large crowds.

We then travel to **Castel Gandolfo** (*photo, right*), a town located 16 miles southeast of Rome, for lunch in one of our favorite restaurants. Located within the town's boundaries is the **Apostolic Palace of Castel Gandolfo** which served as the summer residence and vacation retreat for the Pope. It enjoys extraterritorial status as one of the properties of the Holy See and is not under Italian jurisdiction. We will have lunch very near the papal palace, overlooking **Lake Albano** (*photo, right*).



Castel Gandolfo is located in the famous **Frascati Wine region**, which is known for producing Rome's signature wine, Frascati. The grapes of the Frascati wines are grown at 200 to 1,000 feet in altitude, in volcanic soils that are well drained resulting in wines that have the reputation for being extraordinary.



After lunch, we take a short drive into the countryside (*photo, left*) to tour one of Frascati's oldest family-owned vineyards. We will be greeted by one of the family members and he will guide us through the historic wine-making process of the famous Frascati wines. He will lead us through their ancient cellars as well as their modern wine-making facility. And, we will see the vineyards!

Of course, there will be time to taste the famous Frascati wines! We will experience a tasting of three wines produced by the family, paired with appetizers made with ingredients grown by local farmers. We will also taste extra virgin olive oil pressed by the family before returning to the monastery. Overnight at Villa Serenella. **[Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner]**

Friday, October 16 – Faith and Art: Women in the Church, Yesterday and Today

"Art, in all its forms, at the point where it encounters the great questions of our existence, the fundamental themes that give life its meaning, can take on a religious quality, thereby turning into a path of profound inner reflection and spirituality." – **Pope Benedict XVI, Letter to Artists**

The **Vatican museums** (*photo, right*) always has a line of hundreds, if not thousands, waiting to get in. We will by-pass this line and be ushered inside for a very special tour of the Vatican Museums, the Faith and Art Tour. This tour is a rediscovery of the history of the Church, and also the story of humanity as it journeyed through time and learned that God acts in history and reveals His wisdom to us.





Our friend, **Sister Emanuela**, will guide us on this extraordinary walk through the museums, including the **Sistine Chapel** (*photo, left*) and St. Peter's Basilica. If time permits, we will enjoy a *cappuccino* at the outdoor café overlooking the **Vatican Gardens**.

Lunch will be at one of our favorite restaurants near the Vatican, followed by a short drive to the **Catacombs of St. Priscilla** where we will attend Mass and tour the catacombs. St. Priscilla lived in Rome during the 1st century. She was a Christian noblewoman who served as a benefactor to the Christian community in Rome. She supported St. Peter the Apostle, the first Bishop of Rome, and her home near the underground catacombs served as the first Pope's headquarters.

St. Priscilla's husband, a Roman politician, was executed by the Roman Emperor Domitian for atheism, that is, he refused to worship the Roman gods because he was Christian. St. Priscilla buried him on land they owned, in what was once a quarry, and donated the property to the Church so that others could also be laid to rest there.

St. Priscilla, also martyred for her Christian faith, is buried there, as are other early martyrs, saints and Popes, including St. Pudens, St. Pudentiana, St. Praxedes, Pope Marcellinus, Pope Marcellus I, Pope Siricius, Pope Celestine and the martyrs Felix, Philip, Crescention, Prisca and Fimite, just to name a few. The catacombs also contain some of the earliest images of the Good Shepherd, the Annunciation, the Virgin Mary (*photo, right*) and a series of frescoed decorations depicting biblical stories. We will return to the monastery for an early evening dinner. Overnight at the Villa Serenella. **[Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner]**



Saturday, October 17 – St. Clare and St. Francis of Assisi

Assisi

With a population of about 25,000, Assisi is a small medieval town perched on a hill in Umbria, the heart of Italy. It is known as the city of St. Francis and is one of the prettiest and most peaceful cities in the world. Assisi has long been a spiritual center. Two thousand years ago, the Temple of Minerva was a centerpiece of Roman Assisi and can still be visited today – but as a Catholic Church.



After an early breakfast we will travel to **Assisi**, home of **St. Francis** and **St. Clare**. Along our way we will stop at an Autogrill, a real Italian experience, where you can purchase a *café* or light meal.



Pre-eminent among the many significant places we will visit in Assisi is the **Basilica of St. Clare (photo, left)**, where we will pray at her tomb and venerate the crucifix upon which Christ's Corpus spoke to St. Francis.

We will walk through the historic streets of Assisi, viewing many of the hidden gems along our stroll. We will enter several important churches along the way, such as the **Basilica of St. Francis (photo, left)** and come to a better understanding of the times in which St. Clare and St. Francis lived.

Lunch will be a full Umbrian meal in one of our favorite restaurants near the **Piazza del Comune**, the main piazza in the city center and one of the most beautiful piazzas in Italy. After lunch, we will visit the bishop of Assisi (**photo, right**), who is our friend. He will greet us and share a special spiritual reflection on St. Clare. After receiving his blessing, we will journey to the **Basilica of St. Mary of the Angels**.



The Basilica of St. Mary of the Angels is located in the valley at the bottom of the hill below Assisi. Here we will visit the **Portiuncula (photo, left)**, an ancient church dedicated to Mary under the title Our Lady of the Angels. This was the church St. Francis rebuilt after being called by Christ crucified to "rebuild His Church."



The original church is believed to have been erected under Pope Liberius, by hermits from the Valley of Josaphat, who had brought relics from the grave of the Blessed Virgin. It was known as Our Lady of the Angels because of the singing of angels which had been frequently heard there. We will attend Mass in the basilica before we return to Rome. Overnight at the Villa Serenella. **[Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner]**

Sunday, October 18 – St. Catherine of Sienna, Marian Apparition...Baroque Rome

After breakfast we will attend the 10:00 am Mass at **Santo Spirito — Church of Divine Mercy**. This Mass is for the English-speaking community that live and work near the Vatican. Also, there will be the option for those who would like to attend Sunday Mass in St. Peter's Basilica.

After Mass, we will journey to the **Spanish Steps (photo, left)**, where we will again meet with Dr. Moynihan, the founder and editor of *Inside the Vatican* magazine, who will guide us along a slow walking tour of Baroque Rome — the **Trevi Fountain**, the **Pantheon** and the **Piazza Navona**. Along the way, we will encounter many of our sister saints and have the opportunity to pray at these holy places which honor them. We will also view several important works of art by the famous painter, **Caravaggio**.



We will visit the church of **Santa Maria del Popolo** to view two famous **Caravaggio** paintings, the *Crucifixion of St. Peter* and the *Conversion on the Way to Damascus*. Enshrined at the high altar of the Santa Maria del Popolo is the **Madonna Del Popolo**, another miraculous image of Our Lady believed to have been painted by **St. Luke**, which we will venerate.

Our Lady's Piazza, which is at the top of the Spanish Steps and in front of the church, **Trinità dei Monti (photo, above left)** will be our next stop. We will view the **Mater Admirabilis** (Mother Most Admirable), a miraculous image painted in fresco by a young student, which is in the convent there and not opened to the public. We are arranging a private viewing to venerate this miraculous image. The image was named by Pope Pius IX when he cried out, "Mother Most Admirable" upon seeing it for the first time. This title of Our Lady is included in the Litany of Loreto.

As we continue our walk towards the Trevi Fountain, we will pass the tall marble column dedicated to the **Immaculate Conception (photo, right)**, a column taller than 80 feet and topped with a bronze statue of Mary Immaculate, commemorating the proclamation defined by Pope Pius IX defining this dogma in 1854.



The **Trevi Fountain** (*photo, right*) located at the junction of three roads, marks the terminal point of one of the aqueducts that supplied water to ancient Rome for more than 400 years. It is tradition to throw coins into the fountain over one's left shoulder as they did in the movie, *Three Coins in the Fountain* – meaning you will return to Rome. We, too, will throw our coins!



We will stop by the little-known and -visited **Church of Santa Maria in Via** (*photo, left*), the location of a miracle that occurred in 1256. On September 26 of that year, Cardinal Capocci and his household had retired for the night and were awakened by the high-pitched neighing and whining of the horses. They found the horses panicking in more than ankle-deep water which was overflowing from a well in the stable. The superabundant overflow of water was certainly a cause of wonder, but what was even more amazing was to find a heavy pentagonal stone with the image of the Madonna painted on it floating on the water. No one could retrieve the stone until the Cardinal waded into the water and prayed to Our Lady for instruction. The church was built where the stable was located. The well is still there, and stories of miraculous healings continue to be told of those who take the water to the ill. Containers of the well water are available at the site as well as holy cards of **The Floating Stone Madonna** and votive candles.



Next is a visit to **Santa Maria Sopra Minerva Basilica** to pray at the tomb of **St. Catherine of Siena** (her body is buried here, and her head is in the Basilica of San Domenico in Siena). St Catherine ranks high among the mystics and spiritual writers of the Church as she was proclaimed a Doctor of the Church.



Pope Benedict explains:

In the Dialogue of Divine Providence, she describes Christ, with an unusual image, as a bridge flung between Heaven and earth. This bridge consists of three great stairways constituted by the feet, the side, and the mouth of Jesus. Rising by these stairways the soul passes through the three stages of every path to sanctification: detachment from sin, the practice of the virtues, and of love, sweet and loving union with God.

The room just beyond the sacristy is where St. Catherine died in 1380. This basilica is the only extant example of original Gothic church architecture in Rome and it also houses several important pieces of art, including the *Cristo della Minerva* (Christ Carrying the Cross), a marble sculpture by **Michelangelo Buonarroti**, finished in 1521.



Our walk takes us by the **Pantheon** and on to the church of **San Luigi dei Francesi** to view a third Caravaggio painting entitled, *The Calling of Saint Matthew* (*photo, right*). We continue on to the **Piazza Navona**, a public square built on the site where the Stadium of Domitian, founded in 86 A.D., once stood. It could hold 20,000 spectators who came here to see different athletic competitions. The beauty of the square includes the three fountains designed during the papacy of Gregory XVIII.



Our journey continues to the **Basilica of St. Augustine**, where we venerate the remains of **St. Monica** (*photo, left*). St. Monica, the mother of St. Augustine of Hippo, has been invoked by generations of the faithful who honor her as a special patroness of married women and as an example for Christian motherhood. We, too, will ask St. Monica to intercede for all our families' needs, which we hold deep in our hearts. Here, we will also see a fourth Caravaggio painting, *Madonna of the Pilgrims*.

Our walk would not be complete without a visit to the **Basilica of Sant'Andrea delle Fratte** which has a very special side chapel (*photo, right*). In fact, it is so special that many come to Rome just to pray at its altar. Our Lady appeared there to **Alphonse Ratisbonne**, an avowed anti-Catholic Jew, in 1842, manifesting herself exactly as she appears on the Miraculous Medal, effecting his miraculous conversion. The first Miraculous Medals were struck in 1832 and, while the Miraculous Medal devotion was already circulating throughout France after **St. Catherine Labouré's** Marian apparition, it was this miraculous apparition to Ratisbonne which was the impetus that brought the Miraculous Medal devotion to Italy.



Many pilgrims from all over the world travel to Rome just to pray at this shrine. This special chapel is also where **St. Maximilian Kolbe** offered his first Mass on April 29, 1918. Along our leisurely walk, we will stop to enjoy a gelato from one of the best gelaterias in Rome before returning to the monastery for dinner. Overnight at Villa Serenella. **[Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner]**

Monday, October 19 – St. Barbara, St. Mary Magdalene, St. Bridget and the Blessed Virgin in Trastevere, where many of the early Christians lived in Rome

After breakfast at the monastery, we head back to the center of Rome to enjoy a walking tour encountering relics of **St. Mary Magdalene, St. Bridget** and **St. Barbara**, ultimately arriving in **Trastevere**, where the earliest Christians practiced their faith. We begin our leisurely walk at the church of **San Giovanni Battista dei Fiorentini** where a relic of the foot of **St. Mary Magdalene** (*photo, right*) rests in a shrine to the left of the main sanctuary. Tradition holds that after the martyrdom of **St. James the Greater** in Jerusalem, many Christians were evicted from the city and placed upon a boat without a rudder or sail. This group included Mary Magdalene, Lazarus and Martha. They miraculously arrived in southern France. While most in the group chose to evangelize, Mary Magdalene withdrew to a cave to live the next thirty years of her life as a hermit, dedicated to prayer. We will venerate the foot of Mary Magdalene, the first foot to step into the tomb of the Risen Christ.



We then proceed to **Chiesa di Santa Brigida**, a convent church dedicated to **St. Bridget of Sweden**. She came to Rome in 1349 and founded a hospice for her needy compatriots next to which the church was built in 1931. St. Bridget and her daughter, **St. Catherine**, first abbess of the Bridgettine Sisters, lived in the convent for many years. We will visit these beautiful rooms (*photo, left*) which contain relics of the two saints, and are decorated with paintings depicting scenes of their lives. In 2016, **St. Mary Elizabeth Hesselblad** (*photo, right*)—a Swedish-born Lutheran convert—was canonized. She converted in Washington, D.C. At the beginning of the last century, she re-founded this congregation of nuns, the Order of the Holy Savior of St. Bridget. Her tomb is also located in this convent, so we will be able to venerate this new saint and ask for her intercession.



A few blocks from the Chiesa di Santa Brigida is a small church, **Santa Barbara dei Librai** (*photo, left*), dedicated to St. Barbara. St. Barbara, also known as the Great Martyr Barbara, was an early Christian Greek martyr born mid-third century. She was the only daughter of a rich pagan, Dioscorus. As a way of “protecting” his beautiful daughter, Dioscorus shielded her from the world by locking her high up within a tower. From there, she spent her days gazing upon the hills and admiring all of God's creation. She often pondered the “First Cause and Creator of so harmonious and splendid a world.” She soon realized that the idols her father and teachers worshiped were not of God's creation. Barbara secretly became a Christian and offered herself completely to the Lord, choosing a life of consecrated virginity. St. Barbara is one of the Fourteen Holy Helpers, venerated because their intercession is believed to be particularly effective against diseases. Barbara is often invoked against lightning and fire as well.



Our journey will take us across the Tiber River to Trastevere – a bohemian area that clings to its centuries-old, working-class roots. It's known for traditional and innovative trattorias, craft beer pubs and artisan shops. The **Basilica of Santa Maria in Trastevere** (*photo, below*) the first church dedicated to Our Lady is located here and may have been the first church in Rome where a public Mass was held. Undisputedly one of the oldest churches in the city, dating back to the mid fourth century. The church contains many mosaics depicting scenes from the life of Mary, her coronation, the four evangelists and the prophets Isaiah and Jeremiah. The gilded wooden ceiling includes the painting, *Assumption of the Virgin*. Lunch is on your own today, with the afternoon free to explore more of Rome or visit the many shops to select additional souvenirs. Return to the Villa afterward for a cooking class, learning to make Tiramisu, and enjoy our farewell dinner. Overnight at Villa Serenella. [**Breakfast, Dinner**]



Tuesday, October 20 – Depart for Home

After an early morning breakfast and farewell, Barbara and Deborah will escort you to the airport for your return home. Farewell to all of our fellow pilgrims, our friends, until we meet again...



Pilgrimage Overview

Women Saints Through the Centuries

October 12–20, 2020

- Spend 8 nights at the **Villa Serenella**, a Maronite monastery in Rome
- Attend Mass in **St. Peter's Basilica**
- Attend a **Sunday Angelus** with **Pope Francis** in **St. Peter's Square**
- Attend a Wednesday **Papal Audience** as a guest of *Inside the Vatican* magazine
- Meet **Dr. Robert Moynihan**, leading Vatican analyst and founder and editor of *Inside the Vatican* magazine; **Deborah Tomlinson**, the Chief Operating Officer; and many friends of *Inside the Vatican* magazine
- Dine with Dr. Robert Moynihan and special guests and friends of *Inside the Vatican* magazine
- Gain insight into the workings of the Vatican from Dr. Moynihan
- Enjoy a walking tour of Baroque Rome led by Dr. Robert Moynihan to the **Spanish Steps, Trevi Fountain, Pantheon** and **Piazza Navona**
- Enjoy a private tour of St. Peter's Square
- Enjoy a visit to the **Basilica of Santo Spirito**, the Divine Mercy Sanctuary in Rome
- Enjoy a guided private **Faith and Art Tour** of the **Sistine Chapel**, St. Peter's Basilica and the **Vatican Museums**
- Visit the 4 major Basilicas of Rome: **St. Peter's, St. Mary Major, St. John Lateran** and **St. Paul-Outside-the-Walls**
- Climb the **Holy Stairs** (on your knees) near the Basilica of St. John Lateran (optional)
- Visit **Santa Croce in Gerusalemme**, the church containing relics of the Passion from Jerusalem
- Travel along the **Appian Way**
- Explore the **Catacombs of St. Priscilla**, with a private Mass in the catacombs
- Visit the sites of two Marian apparitions: **Grotto of our Lady of Revelations** and the **Basilica of Sant'Andrea delle Fratte**, where Our Lady appeared to Alphonse Ratisbonne exactly as she appears on the Miraculous Medal
- View four original **Caravaggio** paintings
- View venerated images of Our Lady: **Protectress of the Roman People, Our Lady of Confidence, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Madonna del Popolo** and **Mother Most Admirable**.
- Visit the site of the miracle of **The Floating Stone Madonna**
- Visit churches of several important women saints: **St. Praxedes, St. Pudenciana, St. Barbara, St. Bridgit of Sweden, St. Catherine of Sweden**
- Venerate relics of **Sts. Mary Magdalene and Monica** and many more saints
- Visit **Santa Maria Sopra Minirva Basilica** where the remains of **St. Catherine of Siena** are buried
- Visit the **Church of Three Fountains, St. Sebastian's** and **Domino Quo Vadis** and learn of their importance in the lives of Sts. Peter and Paul.



Villa Serenella

Day Trips:

- **Assisi:** Tour **Basilica of St. Francis** and visit his tomb; tour **Basilica of Our Lady of the Angels** and St. Francis' **Portiuncula**; tour **Basilica of St. Clare** and pray at her tomb; take walking tour of Assisi
- **Castel di Leva:** visit the Shrine of Mother of Divine Love
- **Castel Gandolfo:** site of the Apostolic Palace of Castel Gandolfo (summer residence and vacation retreat of the Pope), now a museum and home to one of our favorite restaurants
- Visit a winery in the famous **Frascati region** for a tasting of three wines paired with appetizers, and an olive oil tasting.
- Attend a cooking class with the Italian chef at the Villa and learn to make tiramisu.

Not mentioned in this sketch of our itinerary, yet the most important point:

- We prefer to schedule Mass in the morning, but there is a possibility that Mass times can fluctuate due to circumstances of our day. Each day we will have the opportunity to attend Mass. The Mass schedule will be finalized as we approach the departure date.

Cost and Additional Information:

\$2,699.00	Land Package Price
\$ 200.00	Early Booking Discount if booked by April 1, 2020 discount
\$ 85.00	Cash Discount for payments by check or wire*
\$2,414.00	Early Booking plus Cash Discount Price

* For Installment Payment Plans: if each payment is made by cash or check, the cash discount of \$85.00 will be applied to the final installment.

- **Single Room Supplement** – \$970.00 Please note: there is a limited number of single rooms available.
- **Meals** – eight breakfasts, five lunches, and seven dinners included. (Note: Bottled water and house wine will be available with meals).
- **Bus** – Private, first-class motor coach bus and all group transfers are included.
- **Taxes and Fees** – All local taxes, porter fees and porter tips are included. Bus driver tips are not included.
- **Entrance Fees** – All entrance fees are included.
- **Arrival Transfers** – There will be one (1) group transfer to Villa Serenella after arrival at Rome’s Fiumicino Airport on **Monday, October 12, 2020**. To be included in this group transfer, please ensure your flight arrives into the airport before 12:00 noon.
- **Departure Transfers** – There will be one (1) group transfer from the Villa Serenella to Rome’s Fiumicino Airport upon departure on **Tuesday, October 20, 2020**. To be included in the group transfer, please ensure that your flight departure time is no earlier than 10:00 am.
- **Non-refundable Deposit** – A non-refundable deposit of \$500.00 per participant is required at the time of booking. Please make all payments payable to **Inside the Vatican**. If you prefer to wire funds, contact our office.
- **Classic Pilgrimage: Our October 12 – 20, 2020 Pilgrimage to Italy, “Women Saints Through the Centuries” with Barbara Heil**, is part of our boutique line of *Classic Pilgrimages* – carefully budgeted for families, couples and single travelers so that they can experience the unique qualities of Inside the Vatican Pilgrimages at our most affordable price, without sacrificing Inside the Vatican Pilgrimages integrity and style. The minimum number of pilgrims will be 15, with a maximum number of 33.
- Although taxis or other transportation will be provided for long distances during the pilgrimage, our schedule will necessitate walking several blocks at different times. We will accommodate in these situations, if needed, by ordering a taxi at the participant’s expense.
- While our primary focus during this pilgrimage is women saints of the Church, we have design it for the enjoyment and spiritual enrichment of **both men and women**.

This Pilgrimage does NOT include:

- Airfare to and from Fiumicino Airport
- Airport transfers (for those not arriving within specified time frames to participate in the group transfers)
- Meals not specifically identified
- Gratuities payable to bus drivers
- Other personal expenses, included but not limited to laundry services, internet services, mini-bar in hotel rooms, et cetera
- Items not specifically mentioned in the pilgrimage description literature



We will make every effort to adhere to the printed program and itinerary. On rare occasions, it may be necessary to adjust arrangements due to unforeseen circumstances beyond our control (including such circumstances as the weather, acts of God, airline schedule changes, hotel requisitions, political disturbances or transportation mechanical problems). Should such adjustment be necessary, a substitution will be made to the best of our abilities.

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TERMS & CONDITIONS

“Women Saints Through the Centuries” with Barbara Heil Italy Pilgrimage, October 12 – 20, 2020



Inside the Vatican Pilgrimages, Inside the Vatican, Inc. its employees, shareholders, officers and directors are collectively referred to herein as “ITVP.”

Household: ITVP defines household as those participants who dwell under the same roof and have the same address for at least 6 months per year.

Rates and Payments: Rates are based on applicable rates as of April 2019 and could change due to fluctuation in currency exchange rates or failure to have a minimum of 15 passengers. If they change, we will invoice participants accordingly.

Land Package: \$2,699.00 - Does not include airfare.

1st Payment: \$500.00 non-refundable deposit – Due at time of booking.

2nd Payment: Balance due **Wednesday, August 12, 2020**, 60 days from departure.

Single Supplement fee: \$970.00, if applicable. Due with 2nd payment.

Early Booking Discount: \$200.00: if registered by April 1, 2020.

Cash Discount: A discount of \$85.00 for payment in full made by cash or check will be applied to the Land Package cost. Installment payment plans: if each payment is made by cash or check, the cash discount of \$85.00 will be applied to the final installment.

Reservations and Payment Schedule: A \$500.00 per participant, **non-refundable deposit** is due at the time of booking. Balance is due 60 days prior to departure. If your reservation is received less than 60 days prior to departure, then full payment is due at the time of booking. Receipt of your **non-refundable deposit** shall act as your agreement to and understanding of these terms and conditions. Fax, internet, e-mail or phone reservations are welcome. The non-refundable deposit and/or payment in full must be received within 7 days of booking or reservation will cancel. **A contract is made when your reservation and payment are accepted by ITVP and any dispute shall be governed by Virginia law.**

Form of Payment: Bank/Certified Checks, Money Orders, ACH or Wire Transfers (please fax a copy of bank confirmation when wiring funds) are accepted forms of payment at any time. Personal checks are acceptable if received more than 30 days prior to departure date. Please note that a \$30.00 wire fee must be added to wire payments. You may also make Direct Credit Card Payments to ITVP (Discover, Visa and Master Card). Every reservation must be accompanied by a signed Registration Form. Returned checks will incur a \$50.00 service fee. In case of computer or human billing error, we reserve the right to re-invoice participants with corrected billing.

Private Rooms and Single Supplement: A limited number of single rooms are available at the single supplement rate. If the allotted number of single rooms is booked, any additional single rooms that we may be able to book, if available, incur a fee in addition to the Single Supplement fee.

Transfers: Two (2) group transfers to and from Rome’s Fiumicino Airport (FCO) is included. Only participants whose flights arrive into FCO before 12:00 noon on **Monday, October 12, 2020** and depart FCO no earlier than 10:00 am on **Tuesday, October 20, 2020** will be included in the group transfers. It is the responsibility of a participant to notify ITVP of any flight delays. If the participant’s flight is delayed and this delay causes the participant to miss the scheduled group transfer, the cost and arrangement of transfer from the airport to the hotel or location of the tour bus becomes the participant’s responsibility. Individual transfers to and from the airport are not included in this package. Although ITVP can book an individual transfer to the airport upon request, the participant is financially responsible for that transfer.

Flight Schedule: Land Package participants are responsible for purchasing their own tickets to arrive

in Rome on **Monday, October 12, 2020** and depart on **Tuesday, October 20, 2020**. Should a participant encounter a flight delay/cancellation, it is the participant’s responsibility to notify ITVP.

Cancellations and Refunds: Cancellations must be received in writing in order for any refunds to be issued, and will be processed according to the date the written notice is received. Although a verbal cancellation is also appreciated, it **will not** be accepted as official notice. Please mail the cancellation notice to the address below. In the event of cancellation, monies will be refunded **minus the cancellation fee**. The cancellation fee will be calculated as follows:

- 60 days prior to departure: \$500.00 per participant deposit
- 59 to 30 days prior to departure: \$500 per participant deposit and 50% of total cost*
- 29 days or less prior to departure: 100% of total cost*

*Cost includes: Land Package and single supplement, if applicable.

If you purchase travel insurance, it may cover the amount remaining after refund, depending on the circumstances of the cancellation and the conditions of the policy. Check with your travel insurance provider, if applicable.

Tour Cancellation by ITVP: On rare occasions a pilgrimage may have to be cancelled due to lack of participation. In such a case, ITVP’s sole responsibility is to provide a full refund. ITVP is not responsible and does not assume responsibility for any additional costs or any fees relating to the issuance and/or cancellation of air tickets or other arrangements not made through ITVP. Cancellations due to state advisories and/or state warnings, acts of war, war, terrorism, acts of God, natural disaster or any other circumstance outside the control of ITVP, are not the fault of ITVP. Great effort will be made to accommodate transfers to another trip or to revise the itinerary; however, cancellation for any of these reasons will not be eligible for a refund.

Insurance: Travel insurance is not included in the Land Package; however, we strongly recommend that you consider purchasing it.

Travel Documents: All required travel documents are the responsibility of the participant. For U.S. passport holders, a valid passport is required for travel to Italy and **must remain valid for at least 6 months after your departure date from the Italy**. For passport holders from other countries other than the United States, you are responsible for determining the required travel documents. ITVP will not be responsible for any delays, damages and/or losses, including missed portions of the pilgrimage due to improper travel documentation. Cancellations due to lack of appropriate documents will incur the usual penalties.

Itinerary: Although ITVP and its agents and representatives will make every effort to adhere to the printed program and itinerary, on rare occasions it may be necessary to adjust arrangements due to unforeseen circumstances beyond our control (including, but not limited to, such circumstances as the weather, acts of God, airline schedule change, hotel requisitions, political disturbances, or transportation mechanical problems). Should such adjustments be necessary, substitutions will be made to the best of our abilities. A refund will not be given. Any additional costs necessitated by such changes are the full responsibility of the participant. We do not guarantee entrance into Papal events/Masses or preferred seating at these events, due to circumstances beyond our control such as, but not limited to, long security lines, fewer seats available than the actual number of tickets distributed, etc.

Airfare: No airfare is included in the cost of this package. For assistance purchasing airfare, please inquire of our main office for assistance.

State Department & Other Agencies: From time to time the U.S. State Department (www.state.gov) and the Center for Disease Control (www.cdc.gov) and other government agencies and departments issue travel advisories or warnings for one or more of the destinations that you may be visiting on tour. We encourage you to contact these agencies directly to obtain the most current information. ITVP cannot change the cancellation terms or conditions based on the issuance of any such warning or advisory or the occurrence of any terror, problems or ill health, or other incident in one or more of the places this tour is scheduled to visit. All cancellation penalties must remain in full force and effect as outlined on this form. Travel insurance may or may not cover these possible causes for cancellations.

Photography: Agents of ITVP may take photographs or videos of its trips and trip participants. Participants grant ITVP permission to do so and allow ITVP to use such photos and videos for promotional or commercial use without payment of any fees or royalties. These photos will be available on our photo website InsideTheVaticanPhotos.com following the pilgrimage. A code is required to download these photos from Inside the Vatican’s photo gallery. The code will be provided after the pilgrimage.

Room Service and Other Extraneous Charges: Room Service and extraneous charges not expressly listed as part of the Pilgrimage Package are not included. Should a participant request room service, or any other extraneous charge, including, but not limited to, mini bar, laundry services, internet charges or pay-per-view, the participant will be financially responsible for those charges to be paid at the time of check-out. If these charges are not paid at check-out, ITVP will bill the participant accordingly.

Gratuities: Gratuities are not included. The recommended daily gratuity per person is (3) euro for the escort, (2) euro for the driver and (1) euro for the tour guide.

Unused Services: There will be **no refund** for any unused portions of the pilgrimage. Refunds will not be made to participants who miss any part of the pilgrimage for any cause whatsoever.

Health Requirements: This pilgrimage requires significant walking. Any medical conditions or special equipment needs must be listed on the registration form. ITVP is not responsible for any medical condition that occurs prior to, during or after the pilgrimage.

Participation: ITVP reserves the right to decline or remove any participant on any of its pilgrimages if, in its sole discretion, it deems accepting or retaining any such participant as being detrimental to the pilgrimage. In the event, any participant is removed from a trip, ITVP is not obligated to refund to such person that portion of the payment allocable to unused services.

Final Package: A final package containing documents, applicable airline ticket information, local contact information, a pilgrim book, and travel tips will be mailed to each participant approximately one (1) to two (2) weeks prior to departure. Upon receipt of your documents, you are responsible to check your itinerary, spelling of your name, dates, times and other important information to ensure their validity. Should your final documents have any errors, it is the participant’s responsibility to contact ITVP immediately. Documents, including tickets, are not guaranteed if final payment and booking forms are not received by the deadline.

Printing Disclaimer: ITVP is not responsible for typographical or printing errors including errors in trip cost. We reserve the right to re-invoice or correct billing at any time.



**“Women Saints Through the Centuries”
with Barbara Heil and Inside the Vatican Pilgrimages
Italy Pilgrimage, October 12 – 20, 2020
REGISTRATION FORM**



PRICING TERMS: Price stated is as of April 2019 and could change due to fluctuation in currency exchange rates or failure to have a minimum of 15 passengers. If price increases, an invoice will be issued before the final payment is due, which is 60 days prior to departure. Payment of the initial deposit for this trip indicates you have accepted these pricing terms and all terms specified in the Terms and Conditions.

PRICE	\$2,699.00	Land Package
	-\$ 200.00	Book by April 1, 2020 discount
	-\$ 85.00	Cash discount for payments by check or wire
	\$2,414.00	

Name as it appears on your passport: *(Enclose a copy of the picture page of your passport with this form.*

Name you prefer _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Country _____

Home Number () _____ Office () _____

Cell () _____ Will you be traveling with this cell phone? _____

Email _____

Passport Number _____ Exp. Date _____

Date and Place of birth _____

Emergency Contact _____ Relationship _____

Contact Numbers _____

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS Two Twin Beds One Matrimonial Bed

Name of Roommate: _____

I would like a roommate; please put me in touch with other pilgrims who would like a roommate. If a roommate cannot be found, I must pay the \$970.00 single supplement fee.

Single (\$970.00 additional cost). I would like a single room. This Single Supplement Fee is due with the final payment.

Checks payable to: *Inside the Vatican* **Credit Card:** Visa or Mastercard (circle one)

Name as it appears on Card: _____ Amount: \$ _____

Card Number: _____

Security code (back of card) _____ Expiration: _____

Card Billing Address: _____

I have received, read and agree to the Terms and Conditions for “Women Saints Through the Centuries” with Barbara Heil, October 12 – 20, 2020 as well as the Pricing Terms, Payment Terms, and the “Release” outlined on the right side of this form. I also agree that Inside the Vatican Pilgrimages cannot be held liable for any injury or loss sustained during the pilgrimage. I agree to the cancellation terms and penalties.

Signature _____ Date _____

Print Name _____

Witness (a non-family member) Signature _____

Witness (print name) _____

Release: Inside the Vatican Pilgrimages, Inside the Vatican, Inc., its employees, shareholders, officers and directors (collectively “ITVP”) does not own or operate any entity which is to or does provide goods or services for your trip, including, for example, lodging facilities, transportation companies, local ground operators, including, without limitation, various entities, which may utilize the ITVP name, guides, sightseeing companies, entertainment, food or drink service providers, equipment suppliers, etc. As a result, ITVP is not responsible for any negligent or willful act or failure to act of any person or entity it does not own or control. Without limitations ITVP is not liable for any direct, indirect, consequential, or incidental damage, injury, death, loss, accident, delay, inconvenience or irregularity of any kind which may be occasioned by reason of any act or omission beyond its control, including, without limitation, any willfully or negligent act, failure to act, breach of contract or violation of local law or regulation of any third party such as a cruise line, airline, train, hotel, bus, taxi, van, local ground handler or guide, whether or not it uses the ITVP name, financial default or insolvency of any supplier which is to, or does supply any goods or services for this trip. Similarly, ITVP is not responsible for any loss, injury, death or inconvenience due to delay or changes in schedule, overbooking of accommodation, default or any third party, attacks or bites by animals, insects or pests, injury or death while on activities sponsored by lodging facilities or by other third parties, sickness, the lack of appropriate medical care, evacuation to same, if necessary, weather, strikes, acts of God or government, acts of terrorism, or the threat thereof, force majeure, war, quarantine, epidemics, or the threat thereof, criminal activity or any other cause beyond its control. Should Dr. Robert Moynihan, Deborah Tomlinson or Barbara Heil be unable to participate in this event, reasonable efforts will be made to secure a substitute. Regardless of the participation of Dr. Robert Moynihan, Deborah Tomlinson or Barbara Heil, the tour will proceed as scheduled on the dates listed. By signing this form to participate on this trip you agree that the terms of the cancellation penalty will be binding upon you regardless of whether Dr. Robert Moynihan, Deborah Tomlinson or Barbara Heil are able to participate. ITVP is not responsible for any loss incurred by participant including lost days of the scheduled cruise/tour, due to a cancelled flight or other means and modes of transportation. We will have daily Mass and strive to be in places as indicated. However, sometimes this is not possible as the site may not be available for Mass or itinerary changes are forced upon us. In this case, an alternative site for Mass will be arranged.

CONSIDERATIONS Do You Use: walker cane

Dietary Restrictions _____

Physical Limitations: *(Please check all that apply)*

difficulty walking long distances

difficulty standing difficulty climbing stairs

medical conditions other none

Please Explain:

**For more information or to reserve your spot,
contact our US Office at 1-202-536-4555 or email
us at pilgrimages@InsideTheVatican.com**

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Dear Sir or Madame,

Thank you for taking the time to read about the “**Women Saints Through the Centuries**” with **Barbara Heil** Pilgrimage in Italy being offered by Inside the Vatican Pilgrimages.

To join us, please mail the completed forms indicated below, along with the appropriate selected payment to our U.S. office, to reserve your space. Space is limited, so we recommend you contact us as soon as possible, either by email at pilgrimages@insidethevatican.com or by calling our office at +1-202-536-4555, extension number 3, to have a space reserved for you. We will hold your space for seven (7) days until we receive your registration information and payment.

The following items will need to be mailed to the address below:

1. **Registration Form:** Each participant is required to complete a registration form and include a copy of the picture page of his or her passport.
2. **Non-refundable deposit:** Check for \$500.00 per person is required. Please make your check payable to *Inside the Vatican*. If you prefer to wire funds, please contact our office.
3. **Cash Discount:** To take advantage of the Cash Discount of \$85.00, you must pay the full amount of \$2,614.00 per participant by cash or check, made payable to *Inside the Vatican*. For installment payment plans whereby each installment payment is made by cash or check, the cash discount of \$85.00 will be applied to the final installment payment.
4. **Early Booking Discount:** To take advantage of the Early Booking Discount of \$200.00, please complete all steps outlined herein to confirm your booking by April 1, 2020.

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Final Payment Due: Wednesday, August 12, 2020.

IMPORTANT NOTE: *PLEASE DO NOT BOOK YOUR FLIGHT UNTIL YOU RECEIVE CLEARANCE FROM OUR OFFICE THAT THIS PILGRIMAGE HAS MET THE MINIMUM REQUIRED NUMBER OF 15 PILGRIMS. ***** When booking your airline flights into Rome’s Fiumicino Airport (airport code FCO), it is best to arrive the day before, **Sunday, October 11, 2020**, to allow time to rest from your overnight travels. The Airport Hilton is adjacent to the airport and very easy to access by an interior walkway. I will be happy to assist you in booking this extra night. If you do not plan to arrive a day early, it is best to arrive to the airport (FCO) no later than 12 noon, or earlier, if possible, on **Monday, October 12, 2020**. It may take 2 hours to arrive to the Villa Serenella after your plane touches ground and this will allow you to have time to rest before lunch. For your return home, you need to book your return flight from FCO for **Tuesday, October 20, 2020** departing FCO no earlier than 10:00 a.m. We will be staying at the Villa Serenella our last night of pilgrimage and must have adequate time to travel from there to FCO.

Once you have made your airline reservations, please forward a copy to our office via email or U.S. Mail. If you need assistance with your airline flight arrangements, just let us know and we will be happy to assist you.

Should you have any questions about the pilgrimage, please feel free to call us directly at +1-202-536-4555, extension number 3. If you would like to reserve your spot after business hours, simply send us an email and we will respond to you on the next business day.

Please let us know how we can assist you in joining this pilgrimage!

Lily Keats
Executive Assistant
Inside the Vatican